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Sir:

Submitted herewith is an English translation of the "Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority".

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International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237		
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Box No. I	Basis of this opinion
<p>1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).</p> <p>2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:</p> <p>a. type of material</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a sequence listing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> table(s) related to the sequence listing</p> <p>b. format of material</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in written format</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in computer readable form</p> <p>c. time of filing/furnishing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> contained in the international application as filed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> filed together with the international application in computer readable form.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.</p> <p>4. Additional comments:</p>	

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Box No. II Priority

1. The following document has not yet been furnished:

copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(a)).
 translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(b)).

Consequently it has not been possible to consider the validity of the priority claim. This opinion has nevertheless been established on the assumption that the relevant date is the claimed priority date.

2. This opinion has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rules 43bis.1 and 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this opinion, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.

3. Additional observations, if necessary:

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<p>1. Statement</p> <table> <tr> <td>Novelty (N)</td> <td>Claims</td> <td>YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>1, 5</td> <td>NO</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Inventive step (IS)</td> <td>Claims</td> <td>YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>2-4</td> <td>NO</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Industrial applicability (IA)</td> <td>Claims</td> <td>YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>1-5</td> <td>NO</td> </tr> </table>			Novelty (N)	Claims	YES		1, 5	NO	Inventive step (IS)	Claims	YES		2-4	NO	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	YES		1-5	NO
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<p>2. Citations and explanations:</p> <p>1. The present opinion makes reference to the following documents:</p> <p>D1: US 5 115 340 A (TIDWELL STEVE C) 19 May 1992 (1992-05-19)</p> <p>D2: US 3 781 592 A (HARROLD W) 25 December 1973 (1973-12-25)</p> <p>2. INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1</p> <p>Document D1 is regarded as the closest prior art. It discloses (the references between parentheses relate to said document):</p> <p>a Faraday rotator for a Faraday isolator (for example figures 3, 4, 6, 8 and column 3, lines 29 - 55; column 5, lines 31 - 58), having an inlet polarizer and an outlet polarizer (only illustrated in figure 6 (128)), having an interposed, cylindrical optical crystal (figure 3 (52), figure 4 (72), figure 8 (182)), which is arranged symmetrically with respect to its axis of symmetry, having a perpendicular cylinder which surrounds said optical crystal and has a hollow space made from a permanently magnetic material, which is axially</p>																				

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magnetized and whose magnetic field extends in the hollow space approximately parallel to the axis of symmetry which runs in only one direction from the north pole to the south pole (for example figure 8 (184)), having in each case one pole piece which adjoins the two end faces in the plane enclosed by the y direction and the z direction which are perpendicular to the axis of symmetry, each of said pole pieces being in the form of a hollow perpendicular cylinder and having a through-opening as an extension of the axis of symmetry (for example figure 8 (186, 188)), each pole piece being radially magnetized, at least in regions, essentially with respect to the axis of symmetry (see arrows in figures 3, 4), one of the two pole pieces being magnetized in the radial direction from the inside to the outside, and the other pole piece being magnetized in the radial direction from the outside to the inside (see arrows in figures 3, 4), and the north pole of the hollow cylinder adjoining the pole piece which is magnetized in the direction from the inside to the outside, and the south pole of the hollow cylinder adjoining the pole piece which is magnetized in the direction from the outside to the inside (see arrows in figures 3, 4).

The subject matter of claim 1 is therefore not novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

Reference is made to the fact that the technical feature *terminal magnet* of the current claim 1 can be treated as being equivalent to the technical

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feature pole piece of the Faraday rotator described in document D1. A pole piece is, by definition, manufactured from a material having a high degree of permeability and represents a permanent magnet if it has once been subjected or is being subjected to a magnetic field. In the Faraday rotator described in document D1, the pole pieces are subjected to the axially symmetrical magnetic field of the cylindrical permanent magnet (see, for example, figure 8); the pole pieces are therefore themselves magnetized or permanently magnetic. Their magnetic field is superimposed on the magnetic field of the cylindrical permanent magnet, as a result of which the total magnetic field is concentrated at the point of the magneto-optical crystal in the interior of the cylindrical permanent magnet (see figure 8). The pole pieces in the component from document D1 and the terminal magnets in the present application therefore solve the same technical problem, namely that of concentrating the axially symmetrical magnetic field of a cylindrical permanent magnet.

3. DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2-5

Claims 2-5 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the PCT requirements for novelty and inventive step.

3.1. The additional features of dependent claims 2-4 are known, for example, from document D2, which describes a radially magnetized permanent magnet

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(see figure 2, abstract and column 6, lines 4-36). A combination of documents D1 and D2 is obvious since explicit reference is made in document D2 to the use of permanent magnets described therein in Faraday rotators and isolators (column 2, lines 2-5). The subject matter of claims 2-4 is therefore not inventive (PCT Article 33(3)).

3.2. The additional features of dependent claim 5 are already known from document D1 (see figure 4). The subject matter of claim 5 is therefore not novel (PCT Article 33(2)).